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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1-2, 5-17 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* 3-4/2 received by this Authority on 15.02.2005
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:
 nos. 1-2, 4-8, 10 as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* 3, 9, 11-16 as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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the drawings:
 sheets Fig. 1-10 as originally filed/furnished
 sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-17	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	12, 15	YES
	Claims	1-11, 13-14, 16-17	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-17	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 10-15006 A (Lion Corporation), 20 January 1998, entire text; all drawings

Document 2: DE 670160 C (Ewald Schwanke), 12 January 1939, page 2, line 111 to page 3, line 6; fig. 9 and 10

Document 3: JP 11-197200 A (Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd.), 27 July 1999, entire text; all drawings

Document 4: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the Japanese Utility Model Application No. 121191/1984 (Laid-open No. 34924/1986) (Kanebo, Ltd.), 4 March 1986, entire text; all drawings

Claims 1, 2 and 5

Document 1 cited in the international search report sets forth a treatment apparatus provided with a casing which houses the electrical components, first and second groups of brushes provided in a protruding manner to the aforementioned casing, the tips of which are made to come into contact with the skin surface of the treatment subject, and a brush driving mechanism which operates the first and second groups of brushes in a reciprocating

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manner in line with the skin surface in such a manner that the tip portion of the first group of brushes and the tip portion of the second group of brushes are repeatedly made to approach and move away from one another (see paragraphs [0054] to [0056]; fig. 10 in particular). Moreover, it is a known technique to provide a seal member for waterproofing in an apparatus which houses electrical components in a casing, and the invention set forth in claims 1, 2 therefore 5 does not involve an inventive step.

Claim 3

Document 2 cited in the international search report sets forth an apparatus which carries out treatment of the skin using brush-shaped terminals, wherein the brushes of a first group of terminals and the brushes of a second group of terminals are staggered in a direction perpendicular to the direction of movement of these terminals, in order to avoid intersection of the movement trajectories of the terminals. Moreover, it would be easy for a person skilled in the art to apply the feature set forth in document 2 to the apparatus set forth in document 1.

Claim 4

Document 3 cited in the international search report sets forth an apparatus which carries out treatment of the skin by brush-shaped terminals, wherein the casing comprises a first casing having a part which houses electrical components and a second casing which supports the terminals, and the casings are detachably engaged to one another. In addition, it would be easy for a person

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skilled in the art to apply the feature set forth in document 3 to the apparatus set forth in document 1.

Claims 6 and 7

Document 4 cited in the international search report sets forth an apparatus which carries out treatment of the skin using brush-shaped terminals, wherein said apparatus is provided with an illuminating mechanism which irradiates light onto the skin surface, and terminals are made from a translucent material. In addition, it would be easy for a person skilled in the art to apply the feature set forth in document 4 to the apparatus set forth in document 1.

Claim 8

Document 1 cited in the international search report sets forth a treatment apparatus provided with a casing which houses the electrical components, a first and second groups of brushes provided in a protruding manner to the aforementioned casing, the tips of which are made to come into contact with the skin surface of the treatment subject, and a brush driving mechanism which operates the first and second groups of brushes in a reciprocating manner in line with the skin surface in such a manner that the tip portion of the first group of brushes and the tip portion of the second group of brushes are repeatedly made to approach and move away from one another (see paragraphs [0054] to [0056]; fig. 10 in particular). Moreover, document 4 sets forth an apparatus which carries out treatment of the skin using brushes, wherein said device is provided with a light-irradiating means which irradiates the skin with light,

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and wherein the terminals are made from a translucent material. Moreover, an apparatus which houses electrical components in a casing, wherein a seal member for waterproofing is provided, is a known feature. In addition, it would be easy for a person skilled in the art to apply the feature set forth in document 4 and the aforementioned known feature to the apparatus set forth in document 1.

Claim 9

Document 2 sets forth an apparatus which carries out treatment of the skin using brush-shaped terminals, wherein the brushes of a first group of terminals and the brushes of a second group of terminals are staggered in a direction perpendicular to the direction of movement of these terminals, in order to avoid intersection of the movement trajectories of the terminals.

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Document 3 sets forth an apparatus which carries out treatment of the skin using brush-shaped terminals, wherein the casing comprises a first casing having a part which houses electrical components and a second casing which supports the terminals, and the casings are detachably engaged to one another.

Claims 11 and 14

In the apparatus set forth in document 4, using light whose wavelength falls within the region of 550 to 580nm as irradiating light is merely a matter which a person skilled in the art could select as necessary.

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Claims 13 and 16

The terminal driving mechanism (brush driving mechanism) set forth in document 1 is understood to be provided with an arm, and a power transmitting member containing cams which provide operating force to the central portion of the arm to reciprocally move a first and second group of terminals (groups of brushes) (see fig. 10 in particular).

Claim 17

Document 3 sets forth a treatment apparatus provided with brushes whose tips are made to come into contact with the scalp, a casing which supports the aforementioned brushes and houses the power supply and other electrical components, and a brush drive mechanism which drives the aforementioned brushes whose tips are made to come into contact with the scalp, thereby removing dirt from the aforementioned scalp and stimulating the aforementioned scalp. In addition, it is a known technique to provide a seal member for waterproofing to an apparatus which houses electrical components in a casing.

Claims 12 and 15

The inventions set forth in claims 12 and 15 are not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the international search report, and would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art.